

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 and cancel claims 1-5 as follows:

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) In combination, a measuring device and a guide, said guide attached to said measuring device, said measuring device comprising:
~~a base, a level, said level pivotally joined to said base, and a protractor, said protractor mounted on said base, an elongated base, said base comprising a first end and a second end, an elongated level, said level having a first end and a second end, said level pivotally joined to said base, a flexible tab, said tab affixed to said first end of said level, a catch, said catch positioned on said base first end, said catch for engaging said tab,~~

said guide comprising: a first and a second longitudinal member, a pair of adjustable members; said pair of adjustable members each attached to said first and said second longitudinal members to maintain said guide on said measuring device, a pair of resilient members, each of said resilient members positioned between and in contact with said first

and said second longitudinal members to maintain space therebetween.

7. (Previously presented) The combination of claim 6 wherein each of said pair of resilient members is positioned on a different one of said adjustable members.
8. (Original) The combination of claim 6 wherein said base is pivoted from said level at a desired angle and said guide is attached to said base and said level.
9. (Currently Amended) A method of pattern marking a blank using a measuring device, said measuring device having an elongated base, said base comprising a first end and a second end, an elongated level, said level having a first end and a second end, a flexible tab, said tab affixed to said first end of said level, a catch, said catch positioned on said base first end, said catch for engaging said tab, having a pivotable base and a guide having a pair of longitudinal members adjustably connected and resiliently spaced from one another to receive the measuring device therebetween comprising the steps of:
 - a) opening the measuring device to a desired angle;
 - b) placing the guide over the opened measuring device whereby the opened measuring device

is between the pair of longitudinal members;
and

- c) tightening the guide ~~thereon~~ thereon;
- d) marking a pattern on the blank;
- e) removing the guide from the measuring device;
- f) closing the measuring device; and
- g) engaging the flexible tab with the catch.

- 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein marking a pattern on the blank further comprises ~~further comprising~~ the step of placing the guide against the edge of the blank with the measuring device atop the blank.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of marking the blank along the outside of the measuring device.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of removing the guide and measuring device from the blank before closing the measuring device.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of cutting the blank along the marking.
- 14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12 further

comprising the step of placing the guide and measuring device at another position along the blank.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 and repeating the steps of claim 11 through claim 14.
16. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 6 wherein said measuring device further comprises a hinge, said hinge pivotally joining said level to said base, said hinge positioned on said base to allow ~~the~~ said second end of said level to rest on said base when said measuring device is fully opened whereby said level extends longitudinally normally from said base.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein ~~opening the measuring device further comprises a level pivotally joined to the base whereby the measuring device is fully opened when the level extends normally from the base~~ comprises the step of releasing the flexible tab from the catch.